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Letter dated 22 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

The mandate of my Representative for Somalia, Mr. Winston A. Tubman, will expire on 31 December 2003.

Since his appointment, Mr. Tubman has been assisting my efforts to advance the cause of peace and reconciliation in Somalia through contacts with Somali leaders, civic organizations and the States and organizations concerned. Furthermore, since 2002, he is also actively engaged in efforts to support the Somali National Reconciliation Conference under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development that is ongoing in Kenya. He is playing an important role in coordinating the efforts of the international community in facilitating progress at the Conference.

Pending an agreement at the Conference and improvement in the security situation that would allow me to submit a proposal on the establishment of a peace-building office in Somalia and adjustments that may be needed to the mandate of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS), it is my intention to continue the activities of UNPOS for the biennium 2004-2005 at the current resource level.

In view of this, it is my intention to extend the mandate of my Representative for Somalia until 31 December 2004. I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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